

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 (currently amended). An educational method for increasing a student's vocabulary comprising the steps of:

identifying a first expression consisting of a commonly known person, place, thing, event, title, phrase, or quote consisting of one or more words in tangible form;

obscuring said words by substituting one or more of said words with lesser known words to form a second expression;

presenting the second expression to a student in tangible form to decipher using his vocabulary knowledge of said lesser known words;

providing said student with one or more definitions in tangible form of the lesser known words which definitions serve as clues for deciphering the second expression back into the first expression; and,

scoring the student based on the number of the definitions in tangible form used to decipher the second expression back into the first expression

whereby said student learns the lesser known words and adds them to his vocabulary by actively using said definitions of the lesser known words in deciphering the second expression back into the first expression.

Claims 2-3 (canceled).

Claims 4-6 (withdrawn).